



PURPOSE OF A WRITING CONFERENCE

- Listening
To what writer is trying to say
- Affirming
What writer has done well
- Reinforcing
The writers, strengths, attempts
- Assessing
Confusions, strengths, next steps
- Teaching
What's most important for the writer to move forward
- Scaffolding
Helping the writer say, write and do what she/he can't yet do without help
- Setting Goals
For independent application

A WRITING CONFERENCE...

Has a range of purposes
Can be formal/Informal
Varies in grouping: 1-1, small, whole
Has a specific focus
Has routines and procedures established
Puts the writer first
Responds to the whole piece of writing

FORMAT

One to one
Small group
Whole class
Roving
Peer

WRITING CONFERENCE

DEFINITION

A writing conference is a meeting to discuss student work. The structure should include conversations about the written work the student is doing and how the he/she can become a better writer.

"When I confer with you about your writing, you are more important than the writing" Donald Graves